

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no ☒

Property Name: Mount Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church Inventory Number: BA-484
Address: 3800 Black Rock Road City: Upperco, MD Zip Code: 21155
County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Hampstead
Owner: Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 104/105 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 2200011791
Project: Safety & resurfacing of MD 88 Agency: FHWA/SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Mount Zion Church was initially surveyed by Baltimore County in 1979 in the District 5 survey. The church building dates to 1872, when the cornerstone in the south (main) façade was put in place. Entry is through the tower which was added in 1892 and is constructed in the Gothic Revival Style. Two windows in the front façade also have pointed arch frames, while the remainder of the building is four bays long with 4 over 4 double hung sash windows. All of the windows have clear lights in the panes. Access to the building's interior could not be obtained. The building sits on a stone foundation and there is one addition -- a four bay wide one story building with a basement on the east side of the church. This addition may date to the 1940s, following the merger of one portion of the Brethren with the Evangelical Church (another German group). There is also a cemetery associated with the Church. The newly merged group became known as the Evangelical United Brethren.

The United Brethren denomination began in the mid-to-late 1700s following the meeting of German Reformed pastor Philip Otterbein and Martin Boehm, a Mennonite. In 1800 the United Brethren organized themselves formally during a meeting near Frederick, MD. The group's name became United Brethren in Christ in order to distinguish themselves from the Moravians. The various Brethren groups settled in southern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland and are still found throughout these areas today. However, many of the Evangelical United Brethren helped to form the United Methodists in 1968, and the group remains within the United Methodist denomination today.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
MHT Comments Integrity compromised by large addition.

Tom VanLieu
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/15/03

Date

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, NR Program

8/15/03

Date

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The setting of the church remains much as it has for the past 150 years. The area is farmland, which has been continuously farmed by the same families that still own the properties today. Both roads have been on their same alignments for many years. The crossroads of Blackrock and Mount Zion roads dates to at least 1850, when J.C. Sidney published his "Map of Baltimore County." The same roads are shown on the 1865 Martenet "Map of Baltimore County," as well as the 1877 Hopkins "Atlas of Baltimore County." On the earlier maps, only the original meetinghouse is shown. But by 1877, the school house and the church both were firmly in place.

The two buildings at the crossroads provide the minimal civic services to the families living within a five mile range, and prevented the area from being an isolated rural district. The villages of Trenton, Upperco and Blackrock to the west and east of the crossroads provided other services, such as the mill, the general store and the post office.

The Mount Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church remains a good example of rural Brethren architecture. The mid-twentieth century addition does not alter the integrity of the nineteenth century building. Based on this information, it is SHA's determination that Mt. Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, architecture. Research did not demonstrate any associations with Criteria A or B (events or people), and no research was conducted under Criterion D. The boundary for the historic property is confined to the boundaries of Tax Parcels 104 and 105 of Baltimore County Tax Map 26.

Prepared by: Anne Bruder, SHA Arch. Hist.Date Prepared: 06/06/2003**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

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Eligibility not recommended _____

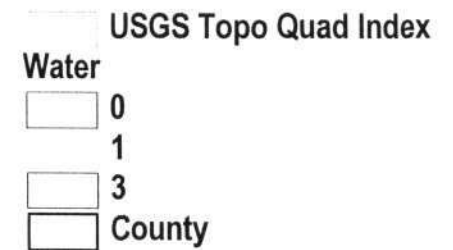
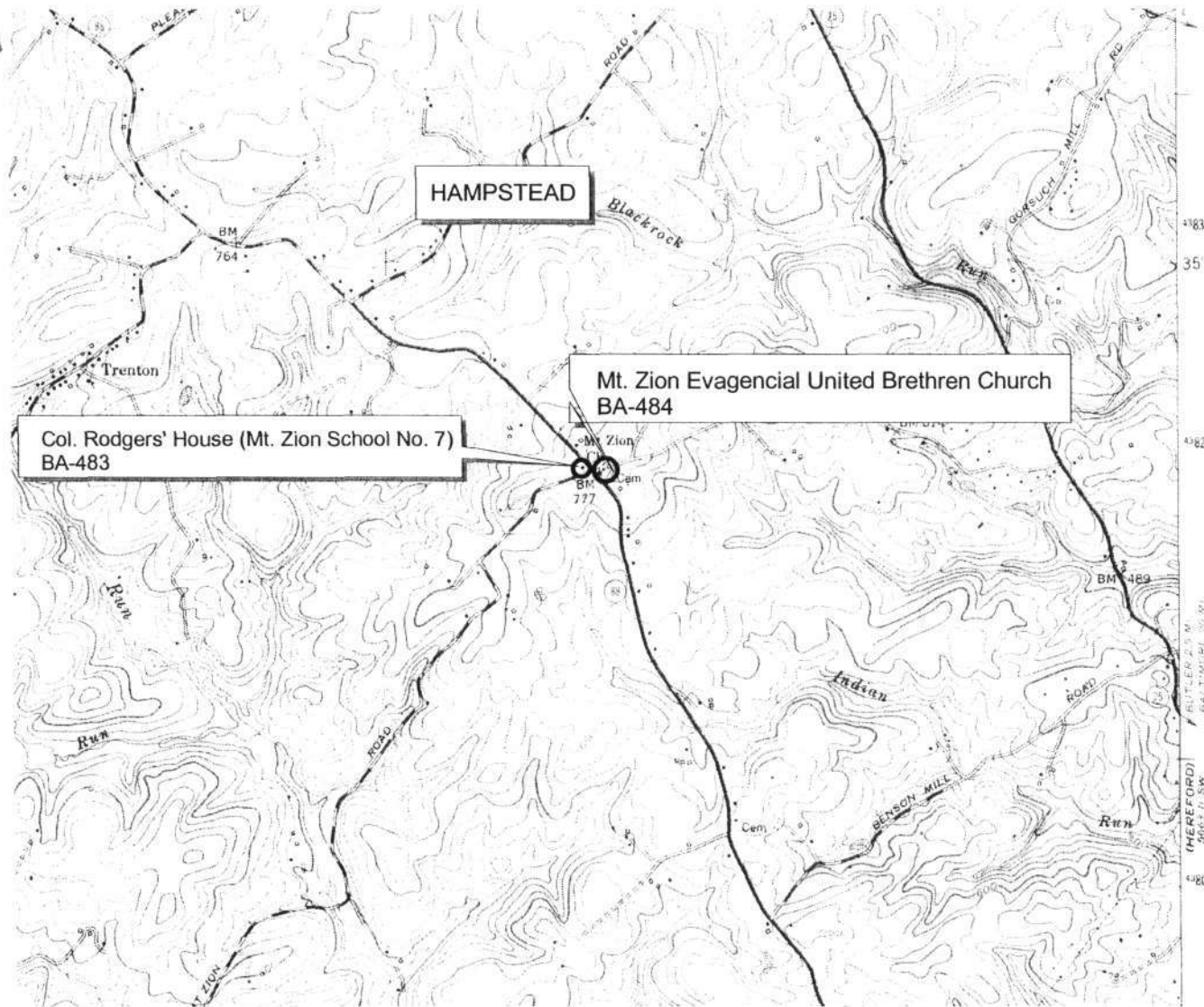
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services_____
Date_____
Reviewer, NR Program_____
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Hampstead USGS Quadrangle

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CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0484

Mt. Zion U.B. Church

3800 Black Rock Road

Upperco, Baltimore County

1872

Private

Constructed in 1872 and enlarged in 1892, the Mt. Zion U.B. Church is representative of the many Gothic Revival style churches constructed in small towns and rural areas throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The church, although not located in a rural residential or commercial center, was nevertheless centrally located between the communities of Trenton and Butler. Rather than serving these two populaces, it would primarily attract the surrounding rural community for service. By 1877, Black Rock Road extended from Butler to the Trenton vicinity and was intersected by Mt. Zion Road, which connected Dover Road to Falls Road. The church's strategic position at this crossroads made it an important center in the rural community. According to prior documentation, the church was enlarged and the bell tower added to its façade in 1892. In 1968, the congregation merged with others, thus forming the United Methodist congregation now housed in the building.

The Mt. Zion U.B. Church is a one-and-a-half-story building with a central two-story, one-bay-square bell tower. The three-bay-wide, four-bay deep structure features solid stretcher bond brick construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. One exterior end stretcher bond brick chimney rises along the rear elevation of the main block. A one-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide stretcher bond brick wing was built on the side of the main block. The façade, or west elevation, is centrally pierced by paneled double-leaf wood door with a pointed arch three-light transom. Directly above the entry is a round six-light fixed wood window with a round-edged wood surround. An arcaded corbel table ornaments three sides of the belltower above and below the pointed-arches that open into the historic bell machinery. One paneled single-leaf metal door pierces the south elevation of the tower. The north elevation of the tower and the outer two bays of the main block are all pierced by one lancet-arched 5/4 windows with vinyl surrounds and sills. The raking cornice flanking the tower is ornamented with an arcaded corbel table. To the east of the church is a late 19th century cemetery of approximately 200 graves arranged in roughly twelve east-west rows that face north and south. The cemetery is still in use for internment. A one-story, circa 1940 shed that has been converted into a garage is located south of the cemetery.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0484

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Zion U.B. Church

other

2. Location

street and number 3800 Black Rock Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Upperco, MD, Inc.

street and number 3800 Black Rock Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 9165 folio 336

city, town Towson tax map 26 tax parcel 104 tax ID number 2200011791

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed in 1872, the Gothic Revival style Mt. Zion U.B. Church is a one-and-a-half-story building with a central two-story, one-bay-square 1892 bell tower. The three-bay-wide, four-bay deep structure features solid stretcher bond brick construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. One exterior end stretcher bond brick chimney rises along the rear elevation of the main block. A one-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide stretcher bond brick wing was built on the side of the main block. The façade, or west elevation, is centrally pierced by paneled double-leaf wood door with a pointed arch three-light transom. Directly above the entry is a round six-light fixed wood window with a round-edged wood surround. An arcaded corbel table ornaments three sides of the belltower above and below the pointed-arches that open into the historic bell machinery. One paneled single-leaf metal door pierces the south elevation of the tower. The north elevation of the tower and the outer two bays of the main block are all pierced by one lancet-arched 5/4 windows with vinyl surrounds and sills. The raking cornice flanking the tower is ornamented with an arcaded corbel table.

To the east of the church is a late 19th century cemetery of approximately 200 graves arranged in roughly twelve east-west rows that face north and south. The majority of the markers are marble and granite. Obelisks and upright slabs predominate as the most common marker form in the cemetery. The site is partially surrounded by a wrought iron fence. Family names represented in the burial ground are Bosley, Alder, Martin, Bell, Shaffer, Fowble, Tracy, Hunt, and Armacost. The cemetery is still in use for internment.

A one-story shed that dates to circa 1940 is located south of the cemetery. The wood frame building, which is clad in flush vertical board siding, sits on a cinderblock foundation and is capped by a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The building has been converted into a garage and presently features one sash-and-paneled roll-up metal door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1872-present

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1872

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Constructed in 1872 and enlarged in 1892, the Mt. Zion U.B. Church is representative of the many Gothic Revival style churches constructed in small towns and rural areas throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The church, although not located in a rural residential or commercial center, was nevertheless centrally located between the communities of Trenton and Butler. Rather than serving these two populaces, it would primarily attract the surrounding rural community for service. By 1877, Black Rock Road extended from Butler to the Trenton vicinity and was intersected by Mt. Zion Road, which connected Dover Road to Falls Road. The church's strategic position at this crossroads made it an important center in the rural community. Additionally, a late 19th century school was sited on the opposite corner of the intersection of Black Rock Road and Mt. Zion Road, further emphasizing the importance of this crossroads to the local community. According to prior documentation, the church was enlarged and the bell tower added to its façade in 1892. In 1968, the congregation merged with others, thus forming the United Methodist congregation now housed in the building. The area surrounding the Mt. Zion U.B. Church has retained its rural character through the late 20th century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1872, the Mt. Zion U.B. Church in Christ has been associated with the .265 acres known as tax parcel 104 of map 26 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

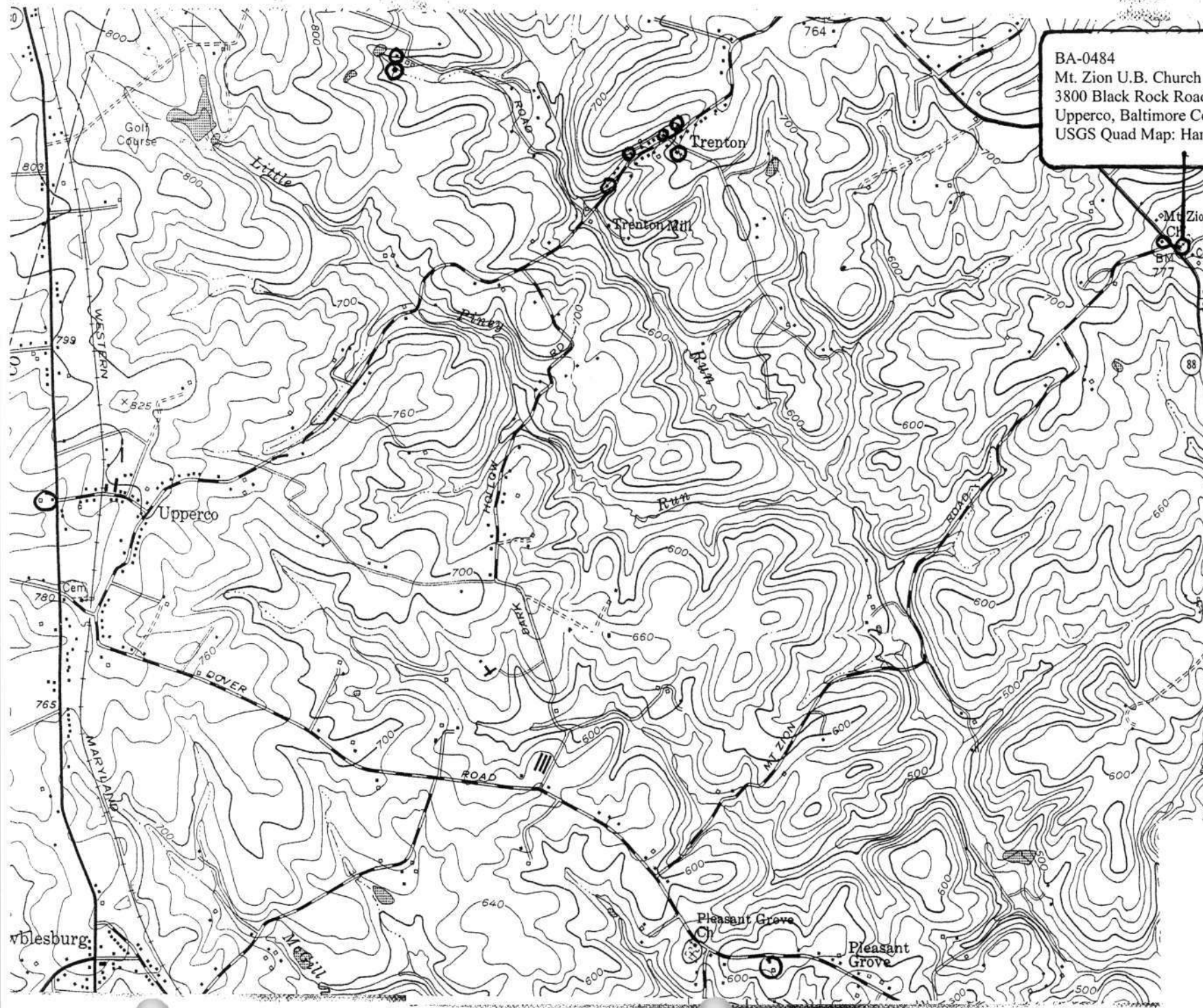
11. Form Prepared by

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street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

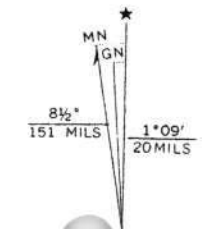
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MOUNT ZION EVAN. U.B. CHURCH - 1872 - Northeast corner of Mount Zion and Black Rock Roads. Built in 1872 on a lot formerly used by the log structure known as old Cullison's Meeting. Various additions. Brick, in Victorian Gothic style. Gable roof; square tower. It was extended 10 feet and provided with the tower in 1892; a 600-pound bell was also installed. (B.C. Dem., July 14, 1892) At first it was a United Brethern Church, but in 1968 merged with other United Methodist Churches.